

Remarks

In the present response, claims 1-2, 4-12, and 15-19 are presented for examination.

I. Examiner Interview

Patent attorney Philip Lyren thanks Examiner Robinson-Boyce for having a telephone interview on December 20, 2006. The claims are amended in accordance with that interview to place the application in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-2, 4-12, and 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as failing to particularly point out and claim the subject matter. The Office Action argues that claims 1, 6, and 10 recite the phrase if “at least” one server and therefore are indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As agreed in the interview, the phrase “at least” is removed from independent claims 1, 6, and 10. Applicant respectfully asserts these rejections are now moot.

III. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-2, 4-12, and 15-19 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses.

As agreed in the interview, the independent claim are amended to cure the section 101 issues. For instance, claim 1 now recites “rejecting the e-ticket if the answer set is a subset of the second answer set, wherein steps a), b), c), d), and e) are performed to validate the e-ticket.” Applicant respectfully asserts these rejections are now moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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